

Senate File 2193 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2015)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to cognitive screenings by audiologists and
2 speech pathologists.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154F.1, Code 2022, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Cognitive screening*" means the
4 administration of a formal, evidence-based assessment to
5 identify possible cognitive concerns.

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 2B. "*Cognitive screening instrument*"
7 means a formal, evidence-based test, protocol, or other
8 methodology by which a cognitive screening is administered.
9 "*Cognitive screening instrument*" includes the Montreal cognitive
10 assessment, mini-mental state examination, general practitioner
11 assessment of cognition, six-item cognitive impairment
12 test, abbreviated mental test score, Addenbrooke's cognitive
13 assessment-revised, clock-drawing test, mini-cog test, and
14 three-word recall test.

15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 154F.7 **Cognitive screening.**

16 1. An audiologist or speech pathologist may provide
17 cognitive screening services as provided in this section.

18 2. a. An audiologist or speech pathologist shall not
19 administer a cognitive screening instrument unless the
20 audiologist or speech pathologist has completed sufficient
21 training in administering the instrument to provide a
22 sufficient standard of care.

23 b. An audiologist or speech pathologist shall not administer
24 a cognitive screening instrument that requires certification
25 unless the audiologist or speech pathologist obtains active
26 certification prior to the first administration of the
27 instrument and maintains an active certification of the
28 instrument during all administrations.

29 3. Following the completion of a cognitive screening, an
30 audiologist or speech pathologist shall refer the patient to a
31 health care provider or specialist for further evaluation in
32 accordance with the scoring protocol reflected on the cognitive
33 screening instrument.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill relates to the practice of audiologists and
3 speech pathologists. The bill allows audiologists and speech
4 pathologists to administer specified cognitive screenings,
5 defined in the bill, if the audiologist or speech pathologist
6 has appropriate training and certification in the use of a
7 cognitive screening instrument, defined in the bill. Following
8 the completion of a cognitive screening, the bill requires an
9 audiologist or speech pathologist to refer the patient to a
10 health care provider or specialist for further evaluation in
11 accordance with the scoring protocol reflected on the cognitive
12 screening instrument.